(v) The number of forms for the purposes of deduction of tax at source are being substantially reduced;

(vi) The electronic filing of return of income is being introduced shortly;

(vii) The procedure and methods employed during search and seizure and during survey by the Department have been simplified;

(viii) The fee charged by the Department for compounding of various offences pending under the I.T. Act has been substantially reduced and

(ix) A number of measures are being taken to reduce litigation at various levels.

Utilisation of Kargil Tax

178. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected as Kargil Tax so far; and

(b) the details of utilization of funds so collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No tax by the name 'Kargil Tax' has been levied by the Government. However, a Surcharge on Income Tax was levied by the Government in 1999-2000 to raise resources to meet the additional expenses of the Kargil war.

An amount of Rs. 4226.65 crores has been collected by way of various types of Surcharge from 1999-2000 to 2001-02. However, it is not ascertainable as to what amount out of the Collections is on account of Surcharge for Kargil War.

(b) The amount collected through levy of Surcharge by the Government forms part of the General Revenues of the Central Government and provisions for expenditure are made therefrom through Demands for Grants of the Ministries/Departments after obtaining approval of the Parliament. The amount collected on account of Surcharge for Kargil War has also been utilized by the Government in the same manner.